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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Westminster-Twenty-Six Arrested in SWAT Raid on Westminster Illegal Gambling Ring

(U) More than two dozen people were arrested in a SWAT raid overnight Monday at two separate homes in Westminster as part of an investigation into illegal gambling. The multi-agency West Orange County SWAT raided the homes and arrested 26 people as part of an illegal gambling investigation. No injuries occurred during the raid. Details of the gambling operation were not confirmed.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, CBS LA

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – CBP Officer Seize Nearly \$535 Thousand Worth of Illicit Drugs

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection officers at the Port of Nogales seized more than 90 pounds of heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, and suspected fentanyl from two separate drug seizures. The first seizure, 57 pounds of methamphetamine, was seized form a truck attempting to enter the US from Sonora, Mexico. The second seizure, also from Sonora, was taken from a SUV with a total street value of \$364,000. Both subjects were arrested and turned over to federal officials.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arkansas - Operation Targeting Gang Members Results in 44 Arrests

(U) Helena – Multiple local and federal agencies arrested 44 people on violent crimes and gang-related charges in the West Helena area. Approximately 44 of 63 active warrants were executed as part of Operation "Press Your Luck." The US Marshals Service-led operation was designed to target fugitive gang members wanted on arrest warrants for violent criminal offenses. The intent of the operation is to provide communities with immediate relief from violent gang-related crime.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, Arkansas Democrat Gazette

(U) Tennessee – 85 Pounds of Marijuana Seized from Nashville-area Hotel Room

(U) Ardsley – Eight-five pounds of marijuana was seized in a Nashville hotel room by Metro police after an investigation in cooperation with the Sheraton Music City Hotel. Investigators believe the suspect had been selling marijuana in the Nashville area for several weeks. The seizure was found during an execution of a search warrant.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, WKRN-ABC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Suicide Blast Near Airport Kills 17

(U) Kabul – Militants in Afghanistan conducted a suicide attack and stormed a construction site near the airport in Jalalabad, the capital of Eastern Nangarhar province, killing at least 17 people. The dawn assault triggered an hours-long gun-battle with local guards, drawing in US forces to assist the Afghan

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troops in the shootout. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but both the Taliban and the ISIS Khorasan Province group are active in eastern Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 6 March 2019, Washington Times

(U) England – London Police Investigating Three Bombs Found Near Major Transport Hubs

(U) London – Counterterrorism police are investigating after three padded mailing bags containing small explosive devices were found near major transport hubs in London. Police state smaller bags inside the mailers enclosed the devices that "appear capable of igniting an initially small fire when opened." The Metropolitan Police Counterterrorism Command is treating the incidents as a "linked series" and are keeping an open mind regarding motives.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, CBS News

(U) England – West London Man Arrested on Suspicion of Terrorism Offences

(U) London – A man from West London has been arrested on suspicion of terrorism offenses. The man was arrested at an address in West London, but police have not been more specific about the location. The arrest was carried out as part of an investigation by the Metropolitan Police's Counterterrorism Command. A spokesman confirmed the arrest is not connected to the investigation into suspicious packages received at three buildings in London earlier in the day.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, My London News

(U) Germany – Russian Man Charged in Alleged Extremist Bomb Plot

(U) Berlin – German prosecutors charged a Russian national with plotting an Islamic extremist bombing in Germany with an alleged accomplice arrested in France for involvement in a separate planned attack there. The pair were associates of Anis Amri, a Tunisian who carried out an attack on a Christmas market in Berlin in which 12 people were killed. The suspect was charged at a Berlin court with preparing an act of violence and preparing an explosion.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, VOA News

(U) North Korea - Hackers Targeted US 'Critical Infrastructure' during Trump-Kim Summit

(U) Pyongyang – Cybersecurity firm McAfee has advised that a group of North Korean hackers have been actively targeting "critical infrastructure" in an operation that started 18 months ago and likely did not stop during the recent summit in Vietnam. The company found North Korean hackers attempting to gain access to as many as 80 businesses around the world, and some government agencies. The targets of the attacks included banks, oil companies, and utilities.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, UK Independent

(U) Pakistan – Several Dozen Arrested in Pakistan over Attack in Indian Kashmir

(U) Kashmir – Nearly four dozen suspects have been arrested in connection to last month's suicide attack in Kashmir that killed 40 Indian troops. The minister advised 44 suspects, including two prominent members of the outlawed Jaish-e-Mohammad militant group were taken into custody, in a move toward easing tensions between Pakistan and India that escalated after the 14 February suicide attack. Jaish-e-Mohammad claimed responsibility for the attack that pushed the countries closer to war.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, Fox News

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